



MassDEP

Drinking Water Program

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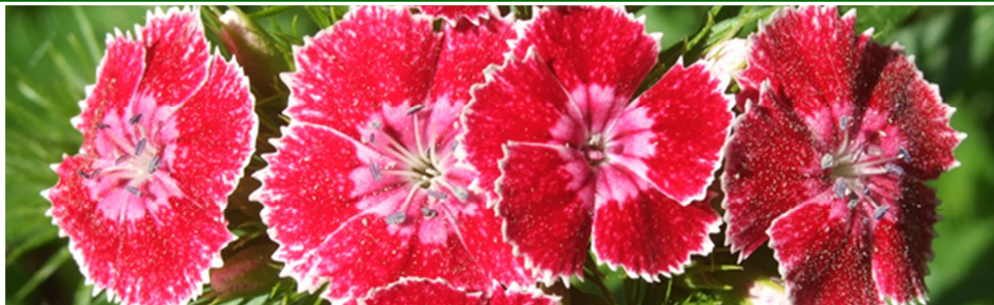


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Drinking Water Program Updates

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This week's program director email has these topics of interest:

1. New SRF Funding Available
2. Training Calendar
3. Spam

New SRF Funding Available

State Revolving Loan Fund – Applications now being accepted for low interest rate loans

MassDEP has begun the solicitation period for water suppliers seeking financing for new drinking water projects through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program. MassDEP will accept Project Evaluation Forms (PEFs) for the 2019 round of financing until August 24, 2018. For more information see: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/state-revolving-fund-applications-forms> or contact Steve McCurdy at (617) 292-5779

Lead Service Line Replacement

The Massachusetts Clean Water Trust in conjunction with the MassDEP is offering a new incentive for water utilities to remove lead service lines. Communities that submit Project Evaluation Forms (PEFs) for the 2019 round of financing through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program and appear on the Intended Use Plan (IUP) for water main replacement or lead service line (LSL) related projects can replace private portions of LSLs at no additional cost to the community and at no cost to the homeowner. This program works by increasing the principal amount of the loan while reducing the interest rate to keep the total cost of the loan

the same. For further details see: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/incentivized-lead-service-line-replacement-program-mcwt> or contact Jonathan Maple at (617) 367-9333 ext 546

Asset Management Planning

The Massachusetts Clean Water Trust will make available up to \$2M to subsidize the cost for systems to prepare Asset Management Plans (AMPs) for existing water infrastructure that includes either one, two or all three of the following: drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems. The Trust will provide a maximum award of \$150,000 or 60%, whichever is less, with the community providing the remaining amount with both In-Kind Services (IKS) and a capital contribution. The number of projects will be subject to the \$2 million appropriated by the board for this purpose.

To assist in the preparation of AMPs, the Trust has prequalified engineering consultants that have demonstrated experience in developing these plans. The applicant must choose one of the prequalified firms to assist them throughout the process, from helping prepare the application and agreeing to projects costs, to submitting a final and approved AMP. The completed AMP will consist of the following: inventories of capital assets **including all lead service lines**; providing methodologies for determining replacement of existing equipment prior to failure; provide staff with the necessary tools by acquiring equipment for recording and transfer to new or existing software systems; outline predetermined schedules for equipment replacement prior to failure; identify annual budget line item costs and the effects on the existing rate charge systems for implementation of the AMP; and provide adequate software and tablets. Grant applicants are encouraged to evaluate the ability to integrate all three components of an eligible entity's existing software systems to a singular system capable of performing water infrastructure asset management. This requirement does not preclude the completion of an asset management plan for individual water resource infrastructure systems.

Applications are due by August 24, 2018. For more information see: mass.gov/service-details/asset-management-planning-grant-program-mcwt or contact Patrick Rogers at 617-292-5658

Training Calendar

When you need training please look at the training calendar located at: mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/drinking-water-training-class-schedules.html for upcoming trainings.

If you need a refresher on recently given trainings, you can review several training videos located at: youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJn2AKOcYr7lutGJB-UfDKtQPF_o_249m